

**Improving Criminal Justice Response (ICJR) Grant Program  
Semi-annual Progress Report  
July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020**

**Report on the status of the ICJR Program grant goals and activities:**

**GOAL 3: Improve legal advocacy services by developing and delivering trainings, resources, and information on best practices, provide technical assistance and make networking opportunities available to system and community-based victim advocates, attorneys, and criminal and civil justice personnel, SARTs, LAP and Fatality Review Teams.**

-Planned and presented 4-part PO series with Caitlin Bradley and Ruth Micklem of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1)

-Finalizing updates to 2020 Basic Legal Advocacy Manual

-Developed emergency COVID-19-related resources geared to Immigrants DV/SV survivors accessing courts and shared them with ICJR partners

-Attended three trainings/groups: 7/22/2020: Tough Talks About Race sponsored by the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, 10/29/2020: beginning conversation with legal aid attorneys about developing a statewide protocol to serve LEP petitioners, 11/10-11/12/2020: Attended "Facing Race" conference